GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6513
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies authorised by the Government to provide Mobile Telephone Service in the country;

(b) the names of companies authorised and operating in each State;

(c) the role of companies and Government in regard to selection of areas to provide the Mobile Telephone Service;

(d) the existing rules to Mobile/Cellular Telephone Service;

(e) the number of districts not covered by the said service in the country; and

(f) the number of districts proposed to be covered by said service in the country during 2001-2002, location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) : Sir, eight licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in the four metro cities were issued to 8 Indian registered companies and 34 licences for 18 Telecom Circles were issued to 14 Indian registered companies. A list indicating licensee companies and corresponding service areas is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) As per the License Agreement granted to the private cellular operators, atleast 10% of the District Headquarters will be covered in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters will be covered within three years of effective date of License. The licensees have also been permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of the District Headquarters. The choice of District Headquarters/towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns lies with the Licensee companies depending on their business decision. Liquidated Damages as per Licence Agreement is chargeable for delays in meeting this coverage criteria.

(d) The main terms and conditions of the licence agreement under which the service is to be operated in given in the Annexure-II.

(e) & (f) : A list of district headquarters and cities/towns covered by Private Operators as furnished by Cellular Operators Association of India, service areas-wise is given in Annexure-III The rest of districts/cities in respective service areas are presently uncovered. Licences have also been granted for providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for Delhi & Mumbai and to Department of Telecom Services (DTS) for rest of the country. Names of the district headquarters/cities proposed to be covered under a pilot project initially by DTS is given in Annexure IV; firm plan for the year 2001-2002 has not been finalised by the DTS.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6513 FOR 8TH MAY REGARDING MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

ANNEXURE-I

(LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6513)

LIST OF PRIVATE CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE OPERATORS AND CORRESPONDING SERVICE AREAS

Sl.No.	NAME OF THE COMPANY	SERVICE AREA (Metro Districts/Telecom Circles)
1.	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	Delhi.
2.	Sterling Cellular Ltd.	Delhi

3. BPL Mobile Communication Limited Mumbai

4. Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd. Mumbai

5. Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd. Calcutta
6. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd. Calcutta

7 RPG Cellular Services Ltd. Chennai

8. Skycell Communications (P) Ltd. Chennai

9. Aircell Digilink India Ltd. Haryana
10. Aircell Digilink India Ltd. Rajasthan
11. Aircell Digilink India Ltd. U.P.(EAST)
12. FASCEL Ltd Gujarat
13. Hexacom India Limited North East
14. Hexacom India Limited Rajasthan
15. JT Mobile Limited Andhra Pradesh
16. JT Mobile Limited Punjab
17. JT Mobile Limited Karnataka
18. Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd Orissa
19. Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd Bihar
20. Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd UP (East)
21. Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd UP (West)
22. Tata Communications Pvt. Ltd. Andhra Pradesh
23. Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd. Haryana
24. Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd. UP (West)
25. Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd. Kerala
26. BPL Cellular Ltd. Tamil Nadu
27. BPL Cellular Ltd. Kerala
28. BPL Cellular Ltd. Maharashtra
29. Bharti Telenet Ltd. Himachal Pradesh
30. RPG Cellcom Ltd. Madhya Pradesh
31. Birla AT&T Communications Ltd. Gujarat
32. Birla AT&T Communications Ltd. Maharashtra
33. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Madhya Pradesh
34. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. West Bengal
35. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Assam
36. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Bihar
37. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Himachal Pradesh
38. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. North East
39. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd. Orissa
40. Spice Communications Ltd. Karnataka
41. Spice Communications Ltd. Punjab
42. Aircel Limited Tamil Nadu

NOTE : These Licences stand terminated as at present.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6513 FOR 8TH MAY REGAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

ANNEXURE-II

1. The licensee companies must be Indian registered companies.

2. The initial period of the licence shall be 10 years, which may be extended by the Government. This licence period has now been extended to 20 years under a Migration Package to New Telecom Policy-1999 (NTP-99) regime.

3. The licensee shall provide the service within 12 months of the effective date of the licence.

4. The service shall conform to Global Systems for Mobile Communications (GSM) Standard. However, the existing licensees upon their migration to NTP-99 regime in terms of migrationpackage will be permitted to expand their networks using any other technology or the GSM technology.

5. The service shall be provided within the ceiling tariffs fixed in the Licence Agreement; now regulated by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). 6. The licensee shall pay a licence fee to the Telecom Authority, in addition to access andjunction charges as applicable.

7 The licensee will also pay wireless licence fee, WPC (Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing) Royalty, GSM MOU (Global System for Mobile Communications- Memorandum of Understanding) Charges etc.

8. The licences are issued on a non-exclusive basis. A maximum two operators were allowed per city/Circle. However, entry of multiple operators is permitted as per NTP-1999 and in termsof Migration Packageto existing operators, after obtaining recommendations of TRAI.

9. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) itself or through a designated Public Authority had the right to operate as a third operator in any/all areas. Licenses have been granted now to DTS/MTNLfor the Service in the country. 10. The licensees shall provide facility for monitoring of calls in accordance with the provision of Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. 11. Direct foreign equity in the licensee companies must not be more than 49% of the total equity. 12. The local and external commercial borrowing will be governed by guidelines issued by Finance Ministry, Reserve Bank of India and other Regulatory Bodies.

STATEMENT INRESPECT OFPARTS (e) & (f)OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6513 FOR 8TH MAY, 2000 REGARDING MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

ANNEXURE-III

CELLULAR COVERAGE IN CITIES/TOWNS OF INDIA

Sl. No.	Circle name	Operators covered by	Actual DHQ`s in lieu of DHQ (Name of DHQ)	City covered	Cities covered
1.	Andhra Pr	J.T.Mobile Ltd.	Hyderabad,Guntur, Vijayawada (Machalipatnam), Kattedan, Amalapuram (East Godavari), Tirupati Adavinekkala, (Chittor).	Rengareddy,Pattancheru, Nellore, Vishakh- apatnam, Krishna, Uppal,Vizag, Gannavaram, Tenali, Budampadu, Vejendla, Ponnuru, Chebrolu, Daga- -darthi, Kovur, Kodur, Mypadu, Mathukur, Buchireddy Palem,Chittor, Chandragiri,Vadamalapeta, Gajula Mandyam, Gajuwaka, Agnampudi.	Hayatnagar, Kankipadu,
:do:		Tata Communic- ation Pvt. Ltd	Hyderabad, Guntur, Vijaywada(Mach- ahmundry Kakinada, (Kakinada), Suryapeta Vanasthalipuram, Shaum- (Nalgonda), Tirupathi (Chittor).	Rangareddy , Krishna, W Godavari, E Godavvari, Sangareddy, Nellore, Kukatpally, Uppal, abad,Medchal,Jeedimefla, Kapra,Hayatnagar,Ganap- -avaram,Hanuman Jn,Tolaprolu, Ibrahimpatnam,Mangalageri, Anakapalle, Gajuvaka, Zellamanchili, Payakaraopeta, Machilipatnam, Rajanagaram, Ravulapalem, Tuni, Prathipadu, Bhimadole,Bhebrole,Tadepalligudum, Tanuku, Kovure, Vatluru, Patancheru, Bolareum, Aranavara.	Lingampally,
2.	Assam	Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Guwati	Nil	Guwati
3.	Bihar	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.()	Patna,Gaya,Bihar Sharif, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Dhanbad, Bokaro	Nil	Chas, Katras, Jharia.
:do:		Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Patna, Hajipur,Ranchi, Dhanbad, Jharia,Danapur, Chas	Jamshedpur,	Nil

4.Calcutta Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd.	Fully covered (Metro)		
:do: Usha Martin Telecom Ltd.	- do -		
5.Chennai RPG Cellular Services Ltd.	Fully covered (Metro), Maraimalai Nagar Export Promotion Zone, Minzur, Mahabalipuram		
:do: Sky Cell Communication Pvt Ltd	Fully covered (Metro)		
6.Delhi Bharti Cellular Ltd.	Fully covered (Metro), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon.		
:do: Sterling Cellular Ltd.	Fully covered (Metro), Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida and Gurgaon.		
7.Gujarat Birla AT&T Communications Ltd.	Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Bharuch, Surat, Valsad, Rajkot, Mehsana, Jamnagar, Vadodara, Kheda Nadiad, Anand, Vapi, Adalaj, Kudasan, Koba, Shertha, Sola, Gota, Chiloda, Sarkhej,Khodiar,Aslali,Jetalpur, Uttarsanda, Boriavi, Matar, Vidhyanagar, Vadatal, Karamsad, Bhayali,Jaspur,Fertiliser Nagar, Kashipura, Palej, Amod, Diva, Jhaghdia,Kabirwad,Panoli,Kosamba, Mangrol, Sayan, Kamrej, Kator, Amroli,Utaran,Dumas,Saonpalsana, Atul,Dadra,Dabhel,Linch,Dhinoj, Panchot, Kherva, Magroda.	N/A	Bareja,Por,Karjan,Kim, Udhna, Pipodara, Gandevi, Chikli, Pardi, Udwada, Dungra,Navsari,Ankleshwar
:do: Fascel Ltd	Gandhinagar,Ahmedabad, Anand,Nadiad,Bharuch, Surat,Valsad,Mehsana, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Vadodara,Navsari,Bhuj, Jamnagar, Unagadh Kheda	Nil	Sachin,Billimora,Pardi, Vapi,V.V.Nagar,Chhatral, Kalol, Sanand, Padra, Vaghodiya, Borsad, Ankleshwar, Kim,Palsana,Gandevi,Chikhali, Daman, Silvassa, Gandhidham,
8.Haryana Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Sonepat,Panipat,Karnal, Ambala, Rohtak	Nil	Nil
:do: Escotel Mobile Communication Pvt. Ltd.	Ambala,Hissar,Karnal, Kurukshetra,Panipat, Rohtak,Rewari,Sonepat, Sirsa, Yamuna Nagar	Nil	Bhiwani,Kaithal,Shahbad, Kundli,Jagadhari, Kalka, Bahadurgarh.
9.Himachal Pr Bharti Telenet Ltd.	Shimla, Solan, Kullu, Mandi (Sirmour), Bandla (Bilaspur)	Sarahan	Parwanoo,Baddi,Barotiwala, Barog,Dhalli,Sago,Thoeg, Bhuntar,Naldhera,Kufri, Kasoli,Chail,Kandaghat, Bhunter, Manali,Solang, Nala.
:do: Reliance	Shimla	Nil	Shimla

Telecom Pvt.Ltd.				
10.Karnataka J T Mobiles Ltd.	Bangalore,Mysore, Mangalore	Nil	Attibele, Chandrapura, Nelamangala, Nanjangudu, Srirangapatna, Ullal, Panamburu, Kankanadi, Baikampady,Koloor,Kavur, Kottar, Urva, Surathkal, Dakshin Kannad.	
:do: Spice Communi- cations Ltd.	Bangalore,Coorg Bijapur,Mangalore Hassan,Tumkur,Davangere, Hubli, Belgaum, Shimoga, Chikmagalur, Mandya, Bellary, Gulbarga,	Raichur, Mysore, Bidadi,	Nil	Chitradurga, Madikeri, Dharwad,Gadag,Renebennur, Sagar, Harihar, Udupi, Manipal,Bhatkal,Tiptur, Bhadravathi, Hoskote, Nelmangala, Sakleshpur, Kundapur, Gonikoppal, Nanjangud, Hospet.
11.Kerala BPL Cellular Limited	Calicut, Cochin,Kannur,Kollam, Kottayam, Malappuram, Palakkad, Thrissur, Trivandrum,	Alleppey, Changannassery, Karunagapalli, Kunnamkulam,Manjery,Muvattupuzha,	Nil Chertala, Kodungalore, Palai, Thalasserry, Aluva, Ferokhe, Chalakudi,Irinjalkuda,Perumbavoor Angamali,Kalamassery,Tripunithura, Kondotti, Valapatnam, Thodupuzha, Varkala, Kanjikode.	Kozhikode,Aroor,Chavakkad, Chengannur, Guruvayoor, Thiruvalla, Mavelikara,
:do: Escotel Mobile Communication Pvt. Ltd.	Allapuzha, Mallapuram, Kozhikode, Kottayam, Kollam, Trivendrum, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kannur.	Cochin, Attingal,Chalakuddy,Changanassery, Chengannur,Chingavanam,Cherthala, Chavakkad, Ettumanur, Feroke, Kalamassery,Manjeri,Pallimukku,	Nil Aluva, Angamaly, Ernakulam, Shaktikulangara, Thiruvalla, Tripunithura, Thalassery, Tirur, Kottackal, Kunnamkulam,Kanjanhad,Kanjikode, Koddungallore, Kayamkulam, Mavattupuzha, Perumbavoor, Kasarkode, Thodupuzha.	Perinthalmanna,
12.Madhya Pr Reliance Telecom Pvt Limited	Indore,Dewas,Ujjain, Ratlam,Sehore,Bhopal, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Raipur, Durg,	Mandideep, Pithampur, Sonkach,Bhilai	Nil	
:do: RPG Cellcom Ltd.	Indore, Bhopal, Dewas, Sehore, Ujjain,	Mandideep (Raisen), Pithampur (Dhar)	Dhar, Betma, Sagore, Raisen	
13.Maharashtra Birla AT&T Communicat- ions Ltd.	Pune,Nashik,Ahemadnagar, Panjim, Madgaon, Kohlapur, Aurangabad, Jalna, Akola,Wardha,Jalgaon, Manchar, Sinner, Shahapur, Ranjangaon, Chikalthana, Porvorim, Betim, Raibandar, Old Goa, Velha, Agacaim, Nuvem, Majorda, Navelim, Varca, Cavelossim,Mobur,Betul,Chapora	Satara, Karad, Margao, Sangli, Alibaug, Amaravathi, Supe,Nevasa,Narsapur,Shirval, Islampur,Jaisinghpur,Rajgurunagar	N/A Ichalkaranji, Lonovala, Pimpiri, Chinchwad, Mapusa, Ponda, Chakan, Talegaon, Pen, Khopoli, Khandala, Sirur, Tivim, Banastarim, Kundaim, Goa, Cortalim, Verna,	Bhiwandi, Ulhasnagar,

		Fort, Vagator Beach, Anjuna Beach, Baga Beach, Calangute, Candolim, Aguada Fort, Miramar Beach,Cabo,Dona Paula Mormugao, Vasco, Dabolim, Bogmalo Beach, Colva, Benaulim.		
:do:	BPL Cellular Limited	Pune, Nagpur, Nasik, Kohlapur, Satara, Aurangabad, Sangli, Jalgaon, Dhule, Jalna, Amravati, Akola, Madgaon, Alibag, Panjim, Ahmednagar	N/A	Goa, Ichalkaranji, Miraj, Malegaon, Bhusawal,Karad,Lonavala
14.Mumbai	BPL Mobile Communica- tions Ltd.	Fully covered Navi Mumbai, Kalyan		(Metro),
:do:	Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.	Fully covered (Metro)		
15.North East	Hexacom India Ltd.	-	-	None
:do:	Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Shillong	Nil	Shillong
16.Orissa	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd. ()	Cuttack, Puri, Jagatsinghpur	Bhubaneswar	Pipli (Khorda)
:do:	Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Cuttack, Puri	Bhubaneswar	-
17.Punjab	JT Mobile Limited ()	Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Amritsar		
:do:	Spice Commun- ications Ltd.	Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Batala & Bhatinda, Patiala, (Gurdaspur) Rupnagar, Sangrur, Hoshiarpur, Faridkot, Kapurthala, Moga, Nawanshahar, Muktsar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur Zirakpur, Dhanaula, Phillaula, Kharar, Kartarpur, Bahadurgarh, Shambu, Banur, Raya, Dhilwan, Sahnewal, Sailkhurd, Abul Kharana, Goniana Mandi, Verka,	Khanna, Jagraon, Mohali, Panchkula, Mandi Gobin- dgarh, Rajpura, Goraya, Phagawara, Beas, Kotkapura, Nabha, Barnala, Rampura Phul, Malout, Abohar, Dhuri, Malerkatla, Banga, Mahalpur,Derabassi,		
18.Rajasthan	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.	Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur	Nil	Kishengarh

:do: Hexacom India Ltd	Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur Kota, Bhilwara	Makrana (Nagaur)	Beawar, Kishengarh
19.Tamil Nadu BPL Cellular Limited	Coimbatore,Cuddalore, Erode, Kanchipuram, Karur,Madurai,Namakkal, Pondicherry, Salem, Thanjavur,Ooty,Tirunelveli, Vellore,Trichy,Villipuram, Virudhunagar, Arasur,	N/A	Bhawani,Gobichettipalayam Mettupalayam,Pollachi, Rajapalayam, Sivakasi, Tirupur, Tiruchirapally, Udamalpetai, Avinasi, Coonoor, Tribhuvanai, Udumalpet, Ranipet,
:do: AIRCEL Limited	Coimbatore, Ooty, Tirupur Erode,Madurai,Trichy, Nagerkoil, Pondy, Kanchipuram, Salem. Pollachi, Udumalpet, Coonoor, Kotagiri, Pallipalayam, Bhavani, Komarapalayam,Sankagiri, Perundurai,Thiruchengodu, Palani, Srirangam, Manachanallur, Thiruverambur,Kulithalai, Namakkal, Thanjavur.	Thudiyalur, Perianai-kenpalayam, Karamadai, Mettupalayam, Annur, Avinashi,Sulur,Palladam,	
20.Uttar Pr.(E) Aircel Digilink India Ltd	Lucknow, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Badohi, Unnao	Nil	
:do: Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Allahabad, Bhadohi, Unnao, Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Mirzapur,Faizabad, Jaunpur, Barabanki, Gorakhpur.	Nil	Jagadishpur, Nawabganj, Mughul Sarai, Shuklaganj,
21.UttarPr.(W) Escotel Mobile Commns. Ltd.	Meerut,Agra,Aligarh, Bareilly,Bulandsahar, Bijnor, Dehradun, Mathura, Ferozabad, Haridwar,Moradabad, MuzzafarNagar, Pilibhit, Rampur, Saharanpur,Rudrapur.	Haldwani (Nainital) Sambhal, Vrindavan.	Hapur (Ghaziabad), Roorkee, Mussourie, Hatras, Modinagar, Shamli,
:do: Koshika Telecom Pvt Ltd. ()	Agra,Meerut,Dehradun, Muzafarnagar,Moradabad, Aligarh, Buladshahar, Haridwar, Mathura, Saharanpur, Ferozabad, Rampur, Bareilly	Hapur (Ghaziabad), (Nainital) Kosikalan, Dadri, Rudrapur, Rishikesh	Modinagar,Roorkee, Khatauli, Vrindavan, Haldwani Khurja Pilakhwa, Secundrabad,Purkazi,Farah Amroha,
22.West Bengal Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.()	Darjeeling, Gangtok, Siliguri, Durgapur, Asansol, Ranigunj, Kerseong, Barakar		

Note : () These licences stand terminated and position indicated here was the last prevailing status.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (e) & (f) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6513 FOR 8TH MAY REGARDING MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

ANNEXURE-IV

List of District Headquarters /cities proposed to be covered under a pilot project by Department of Telecom Services in the first phase.

Andhra Pradesh

1. Hyderabad

2. Vijaywada

3. Tirupati

4. Guntur

5. Visakhapatnam
6. Amlapuram

7 Kakinada

Tamilnadu

8. Chennai

9. Madurai
10. Coimbatore

Bihar

11. Patna
12. Bihar Sarrif
13. Hazipur
14. Badh
15. Arah
16. Rajgir

West Bengal

17. Calcutta
18. Haldia